

April 13, 2005

**MAINE EMS EDUCATION COMMITTEE
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Date: Wednesday, April 13, 2005
Member Present: D. Batsie, B. Chamberlin, R. Chase, L. Delano, S. Latulippe, P. Marcolini (Chairman), R. Petrie, D. Robishaw, B. Zito
Absent: M. Barter, D. Boucher, J. Caron, D. Cornelio, B. Davis, S. Diaz, D. Palladino, D. Russell, S. Stewart-Dore, J. Wellman
Guests:
Timekeeper:
Scribe: D. Corning
Meeting Opened at: 0910

TOPIC	DISCUSSION/ACTIONS TAKEN	FUTURE ACTION
1. Introductions	1. No introductions were necessary.	1. No action items necessary.
2. Ratification of Minutes	2. Motion: To accept February minutes as presented. Batsie/Chamberlin Passed	2. No action items necessary.
3. Staff Report	<p>3. Dwight reviewed pertinent items from the Operations Team and Board meetings, including the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Licensing Program – The new licensing program was installed and live testing was begun, but errors were found and it was removed for additional repairs.✓ Protocols – After careful review of the new protocol books, a decision was made to print all new books to correct the problems. They are currently at the printers and a final implementation date will be set next week by the MDPB.✓ BLS Providers assisting ALS Providers – The Operations Team has begun reviewing what a BLS Provider should be able to assist with vs. what is beyond their scope of practice to assist with. Examples of items to be discussed include: setting up IV's, saline locks with flush, glucometers, D50, nebulizer treatments, and attaching 4 lead and 12 lead electrodes. Once the Operations Team has prepared a list, they will refer it to the Education Committee and the MDPB.✓ E Run Reporting – The state is working on a contract with the chosen vender for e-run reporting.✓ EMSSTAR – Jay is continuing to try to wrap up arrangements for facilitators for the workgroups.✓ Certificates and Rosters for the Maine EMS 2005 Airway Update Program will be provided by the regions. The region will assign a CEH number, but the hours will be consistent and as follows: Cat #2 – 0.5, Cat #3 – 0.5, Cat #4 – 1.5, and Cat #5 – 1.0.	3. No action items necessary.

- c. ALS Airway Package
- c. Bill asked about the ratio of instructors to students for the portion of an EMT-I or EMT-P course that covers the Maine EMS 2005 Airway Update material, and the agreement was that the ratio should be the same as in a freestanding class, 1:6. The only instructor that has to be “approved” to teach this module is the lead instructor of the module, the other instructors need to be “appropriate” to assist. We also discussed how this module should be updated as new airway devices become available, and how providers will know what devices are approved. Paul will contact Steve D. for a list of approved airway devices and for the final version of the airway QI form. Dan B. and Paul will begin a list of frequently asked questions to refer to the MDPB. The committee also reviewed that past discussion by this committee and by the Operations Team is that all lead instructors of the Maine EMS 2005 Airway Update program must have instructor level training in the program. The Education Committee will ask the Operations Team to clarify that a lead instructor is not just “current with” but has been trained as a Maine EMS 2005 Airway Update program instructor. **MOTION: Recommend that the Maine EMS 2005 Airway Update Program (whether taught as a separate module or as part of a licensure course) must be taught by a Maine EMS I/C that has completed a Maine EMS 2005 Airway Update Train-the-Trainer Program. Not all I/C’s or lead instructors of a licensure class have to take the T-t-T program, but only those who have completed a T-t-T program can teach the Maine EMS 2005 Airway Update Program. This applies only to EMT-I and EMT-P courses, and all separate Maine EMS 2005 Airway Update Program classes. Petrie/Chamberlin Passed**
- d. Evaluations of Airway & Spinal Assessment Programs
- d. The committee discussed that the new airway update material, as well as the spinal assessment material, may need to be added as practical test items in the appropriate level EMS licensure courses. Dwight will refer this to Drexell for consideration by the Exam Committee.
- c. **Paul** contact Steve for list of approved airway devices and QI form, **Dan B. & Paul** develop a list of FAQ’s, **Dwight** add I/C requirements discussion to Ops Team agenda.
- d. **Dwight** to refer exam questions to Drexell for consideration by the Exam Committee.

- e. EMT-I Training in Narcan and Nitro
- e. The committee discussed the possible need for additional training for EMT-I's in the administration of Narcan in seizures and Nitro in Pulmonary Edema. Narcan has been in place previously for Intermediates treating narcotic overdoses, which is why it is included in the seizure protocol, so additional training in this situation is probably not necessary. Dwight will review the EMT-I curriculum for training in Pulmonary Edema and CHF for the next meeting.
- e. **Dwight** review EMT-I curriculum for training in Pulmonary Edema and CHF

Meeting adjourned at 12:12

Next Meeting: May 11, 2005.